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TWO CENTS.

CENTRAL SPAN OF QUEBEC BRIDGE DROPPED INTO ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Government Officials and
Thousands of Spectators
Saw Disaster

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES
ARE REPORTED LOST

Structure Was Being Erect-
ed at a Cost of \$17,000,000
on Site of the Bridge
Which Collapsed in 1907.

QUEBEC, Sept. 11. — The new central span of the Quebec bridge, the largest cantilever suspension in the world, collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river while being hoisted into place today, with heavy loss of life.

Observers on shore saw numbers of workmen struggling in the water. The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000 in order to shorten the railway

journey from Halifax to the Canadian northwest by 200 miles. The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed on Aug. 29, 1907, with a loss of 70 lives. The central span, which fell today, weighed more than 5,000 tons and was 640 feet long.

The collapse occurred when the span was about 15 feet in the air. There were 90 men on the structure when it fell. Boats from among the hundreds of craft on which spectators had gathered were rushed to the spot where the span disappeared. The fallen structure sank 200 feet to the bottom of the river and engineers who witnessed the collapse expressed doubts as to whether it would ever be brought up.

Observers said that the span broke in two places. First one of the corners appeared to give way, this being followed almost immediately by a break in the center as well.

The St. Lawrence Bridge company at noon estimated the number of dead at 25.

The juggling of 5,000 tons of steel attracted to the scene today several thousand spectators, including members of parliament and newspapermen gathered on vessels furnished by the Canadian government. Members of the dominion cabinet witnessed the collapse from the deck of a government vessel, while American tourists crowded hun-

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In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Wastanquet lodge.
Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge.

BRATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Will Open for the Fall Term
Monday, September 18
at 10 a. m.

The building will not be open for pupils before that hour on the first day of school. Parents or pupils who wish to consult Principal Smith about school matters may do so at any time during office hours, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16, 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. in the main room, second floor of the high school building.
E. B. SMITH, Principal.

WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS

This Change Basis of Plan
for Policing the Mexi-
can Border

COMMISSION MEETS
TODAY IN NEW LONDON

Thus Far There Has Been Nothing More
Than a General Mention of the Mex-
ican Requests — Cabara Presides at
Gathering.

NEW LONDON, Sept. 11.—The American-Mexican joint commission resumed today its efforts to find a solution for the problems affecting the international boundary. This was the third joint discussion by the commission. Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican representatives, presided. So far there has been nothing more than a general mention of the Mexican requests that Gen. Pershing's forces be withdrawn from Mexico. The basis of the plan for policing the line that have been talked over has been the return of the American troops to their own territory, ensuring that movement as the first step towards establishment of a permanent system for border patrol.

TWENTY-FIVE NEW CASES.

Total of 172 Stricken with Paralysis
in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Sept. 11.—Twenty-five cases of infantile paralysis developing over Saturday and Sunday were reported today at the state department of health, making a total of 172 in the month of September.

VILLA NOT HEARD FROM.

Pershing Unable to Confirm Report of
Bandit's Advance.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—All efforts of Gen. Pershing to confirm the persistent rumors that Villa is moving towards the border in northern Mexico so far have been fruitless.

Centre Congregational Church

The Christian Endeavor society will have a corn roast on Melrose hill, West Brattleboro, this week Tuesday evening. Each person is asked to bring a cup. All those who can do so are asked to leave on the 5.15 car. All members of the society and their friends are invited.

VOTERS IN MAINE MARCHING TO POLLS

Total Vote in the General Election To-
day Expected to Reach the
140,000 Mark.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 11.—Voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 or more went to the polls today to elect a governor, two United States senators, four members of the house of representatives, a state legislature and a state auditor.

National issues have been brought to the fore and party leaders have brought hundreds of speakers into the state, including Former Justice Hughes, Former Vice-President Fairbanks and members of President Wilson's cabinet to persuade the voters to line up with or against the national executive and the majority in congress.

Maine is normally Republican and the Democratic leaders insisted that nothing more than a scant Republican victory would be required to constitute a repudiation of the administration while a Democratic plurality, however small, would be accepted by them as an endorsement. The state officers are now Democratic and that party has one of the two seats in the United States senate and one of the four seats in the national house of representatives.

GERMANS EMPLOYED BURNING LIQUID

But They Were Repulsed with Heavy
Losses in Five Attacks on
Somme Front.

PARIS, Sept. 9. — Five times last night the Germans attacked positions newly won by the French on the Somme front. The war office announced they were repulsed with heavy losses. The official report says the Germans employed burning liquid in making their attacks. The fighting occurred south of the Somme from Berny to the region south of Chaulnes.

ATHENS VIRTUALLY UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Patrols of Infantry and Cavalry Parade
Streets and Entente Legations
Are Guarded.

ATHENS, Sept. 11.—Athens is virtually under martial law. Patrols of infantry and cavalry parade the streets and the entente legations are under strong guards. Fifteen hundred marines have been added to the garrison here on account of the uncertainty in regard to the attitude of the troops. The excitement caused by army disaffections at Saloniki is dying out.

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Tuesday—Rising
Temperature—Light Winds.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. — The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature. Light variable winds.

STRIKE EXTENDS BEYOND NEW YORK

Trade Unions of Suburban
Cities Drawn into the
Great Struggle

800,000 MEN MAY BE
CALLED FROM WORK

The Surface Cars Stopped Running
Last Night — Elevated and Subway
Lines Continue Running Without In-
terruption.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—All members of the trade unions in New York, Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle found themselves today active factors in the dispute between the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and its employees. The labor organizations in these cities served by the Interborough and its subsidiary companies received the appeal drafted by the central labor bodies last night requesting a sympathetic strike of all organized wage earners in their jurisdiction. "In support of the contention of the street railway men for the right to organize."

Response to this appeal must be decided by vote of members and several days must elapse before the result is known. Opinions were expressed today that most of the unions would defer definite action in the hope that such a radical step might be avoided.

While the elevated and subway lines continued running today without apparent interruption the strike on the surface lines has spread rapidly. Union officers assert that 11,000 men are on strike. Not a car wheel turned all day Sunday in Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle and every surface car stopped running last night.

A sympathetic strike as recommended last night by a committee representing the organized labor interests of the city would mean the calling out of 800,000 men. The action was taken after a three hours' conference with Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and was said by the conferees other than Mr. Gompers himself to have had his approval.

The leaders voted for this drastic action on the ground that the basic principle of all trades unionism, the right to organize, was at stake.

Before a general strike could be called definite action would have to be taken separately by the individual unions composing the central bodies. Labor leaders said this could not be done in less than three or four days.

The committee organized last night as a separate body, and will hold daily meet-

ings to direct a sympathetic strike in case it is called.

The action of the committee was taken after Mr. Gompers had left the conference and had issued a statement saying he favored all unions giving the traction employees their moral and financial support, but not mentioning a sympathetic strike. Reports of friction between Mr. Gompers and the local labor leaders were denied both by him and the car strike leaders. However, he will remain in New York to give advice to the striking car men.

MRS. SHERMAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car Struck Stone Saturday in Turning
Out to Make Room for Racer—
Had Been Ill in Boston.

Mrs. George E. Sherman, who had been ill in Boston with ptomaine poisoning, is confined to her room in the Brooks House with injuries to her back sustained in an automobile accident Saturday afternoon while she was being brought from Greenfield to Brattleboro.

The automobile in which she was riding with her husband, son Morgan Sherman, who had accompanied her from Boston, and her son, Roger, and chauffeur, was being driven slowly on the road between Brattleboro and Greenfield. A light racing car approached at a rapid pace and the driver of the car in which the Shermans were riding turned out to the side of the road to give the other car as much room as possible.

The wheel struck a rock hidden in the grass and the jolt threw those on the back seat into the air. Mrs. Sherman's foot caught on the robe rail on the back of the front seat and she fell on her back across the door of the tonneau. She is suffering from a severe strain to her back and numerous bruises. The others escaped injury.

GUILFORD CHILDREN BARRED FROM CHURCH

Health Officer Wellman Takes Precau-
tion — Daughter of Hollis New-
comb Stays in Brattleboro.

Frank L. Wellman, health officer of Guilford, notified the churches of that town Saturday to bar children from the church services and Sunday schools as a matter of precaution against infantile paralysis. This order was obeyed and gave rise to various rumors in Brattleboro.

There is no case of infantile paralysis in Guilford or any case of illness that is suspected of developing into such, but there is a case in Brattleboro. A daughter of Hollis Newcomb of Guilford who is visiting in Brattleboro, intended to return home. Her family were notified by the authorities of the town that in the event of her return the family would be placed under strict quarantine. This notification resulted in the young woman continuing her stay in Brattleboro.

Joseph S. Bavis of Brattleboro has entered suit in the municipal court against Sarah Sheldon of Brattleboro to recover a parlor wood stove valued at \$25.

LAST DAY BEFORE PRIMARY TRYOUT

Voting in Festival Hall to
Begin at 12 O'clock
Tomorrow

CARE NECESSARY
IN MARKING BALLOTS

Will Be Void if More than One Col-
umn Is Marked — No Recess Can Be
Taken Until Votes Are Counted and
Result Publically Announced.

This is the last day before the first try-out in Vermont of the primary election law. Tomorrow candidates will be nominated by the various parties, to be voted for at the November election.

In Brattleboro the balloting will take place in Festival hall and will be in charge of Constable Chauncey I. Knapp. The voting will be under the Australian system, with booths on the south side of the hall, and a check list will be used.

With only a formal preliminary, the balloting will begin at 12 o'clock, noon, and will continue until 8 o'clock in the evening, the hour prescribed by statute for closing the ballot box.

Immediately after the vote will be begun, and as soon as the count is completed the result will be announced. Some have gotten the impression that the count will not be made until Wednesday morning, but this is incorrect. The statute covering that point reads as follows:

"No adjournment or intermission shall take place until the polls are closed, and until all the votes cast at such poll have been counted and the result publically announced."

Inasmuch as the voting tomorrow is simply for the purpose of nominating candidates there is no special activity for any candidate except where there is opposition.

The greatest interest centers in the contest for the nomination for the United States senatorship, for which there are three candidates, Senator Carroll S. Page, the present incumbent; ex-Gov. Allen M. Fletcher and Gov. Charles W. Gates.

For weeks voluminous advertising has been done by organized forces in behalf of Senator Page and ex-Gov. Fletcher and the mails have been flooded with literature sent out in their interests. Gov. Gates has done no advertising and has sent out no litera-

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**A Vote for Divoll for State Senator Means
Experience, Economy
and Efficiency**

Divoll a Candidate.

(Reformer, August 4.)

I wish to inform the citizens of Windham county, through The Reformer, that I am a candidate for re-election to the state senate.

In my announcement two years ago I stated that my policy would be fewer laws, shorter sessions, and economy so far as it would not impair the service of the people. I was elected and made every effort to carry out the trust that had been placed upon me, being present at every morning, afternoon or evening session.

The records show that in 1912, 537 bills were passed; in 1915, only 380; the length of the session of 1912, 119 days; in 1915 only 88 days. As a member of the committee on final adjournment I did my part to contribute to this result.

While no step backward was taken in the liberal policy of our state toward her institutions economy was practiced and the people were relieved of the burden of a special tax. I am opposed to incorporating into our laws measures which are sure to be repealed at a following session. It takes time and is a waste of the state's money. However, if elected, I will give my hearty support to all measures that I consider for the best interests of our county and state.

I believe it possible to accomplish the work of the coming session in 70 days or less and representatives should be elected with that view. We should keep in mind the state's duty to the families of her patriotic sons who are doing duty at the front. We should continue our policy for better roads, especially the secondary lines and those of the rural districts, and we should conserve our natural resources of every kind.

I shall appreciate the support of those who are in sympathy with these policies.

NATT L. DIVOLL.

Rockingham, August 2.

Re-electing Faithful Public Servants.

(Burlington Free Press, Aug. 6.)

We have long held that Vermont had much to gain from the re-election of faithful and efficient legislators. We therefore note with special interest and gratification the following announcement in The Brattleboro Reformer:

Natt L. Divoll of Rockingham, who made a highly creditable record in the last session of the legislature as senator and as representative in 1903, is a candidate for re-election. His statement to The Reformer is well worth reading. There will be few to dissent with him in his desire to shorten the legislative session.

Senator Divoll was one of the senators who in 1915 stood for the rights and interests of the taxpayers in dealing with the question of public service, and he is the kind of men we need in the senate. We wish the state could induce more like him to serve in that capacity.

Experience

Economy

Efficiency

FOR SENATOR Charles W. Gates

The one dignified figure in the Senatorial campaign now drawing to a close is our present Governor, Charles W. Gates. He has not solicited a single vote, or spent a penny to forward his own candidacy, or indulged in any personal attacks against his opponents. We know he has the character, ability and good common sense to represent Vermont in the United States Senate, and we are glad to pay the cost of giving his sterling qualities a small part of the publicity they deserve and of urging the citizens of Brattleboro and Windham County to give him a big vote Tuesday in the Primaries.

E. L. HILDRETH
DENNISON COWLES
W. L. WALKER
C. F. BINGHAM
M. C. HOUGHTON
A. P. SIMONDS
H. P. WELLMAN
A. E. MERRILL
O. D. STOWELL
HORTON D. WALKER
A. L. PETTEE
C. A. HARRIS
GEORGE L. DUNHAM

F. R. VAUGHAN
CARL S. HOPKINS
WM. G. SARGENT
S. F. ABBOTT
W. L. HUNT
M. G. MORRILL
DR. C. G. WHEELER
ALFRED THOMPSON
JOHN L. HOWARD
J. EDGAR MELLEN
E. C. TENNEY
A. A. DUNKLEE
E. H. MILLER

WHY WE WILL VOTE FOR SENATOR PAGE

He is a born and bred Vermonter,—proud of his State's remarkable history and traditions, imbued with the spirit of her institutions, alive to her best interests.

He began business when a boy, and by his ability and industry became one of the foremost business men in the country.

He performed the duties of town representative, state senator, chairman of the Republican state committee, Savings Bank Examiner, delegate to Republican national conventions and Governor, with marked ability. As Chairman of the State Committee he was effective in getting out large Republican votes in years when large majorities were especially desirable,—as Presidential years.

In politics as in business he has always been a positive force. Without claiming to be an orator he is a good speaker and a ready debater. In this respect he was very efficient when a member of the Legislature. His address of welcome as Governor, at the dedication of the Bennington monument, in August 1891, before one of the most distinguished audiences that was ever gathered in Vermont, was highly and widely commended.

As United States Senator he has not been *Mediocre*, as is claimed. The letters of Senators Lodge and Dillingham show that Senator Page holds a high position in the Senate as a worker and as a debater, especially "in all tariff discussions since he entered the senate." This is as all Vermonters understood, until this campaign was launched.

Business men as well as lawyers are required in Congress. Our late Senator Morrill and Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island were merchants, and Senator Crane of Massachusetts was a manufacturer.

In view of Senator Page's ability and long experience in legislation it would be unwise for the State to retire him in this critical time unless a man clearly his superior is presented. Such a man has not appeared.

J. G. ESTEY
J. H. ESTEY
J. R. RYDER
JAMES M. TYLER
E. Q. S. OSGOOD
CLARKE C. FITTS
L. W. HAWLEY
HENRY D. HOLTON
EDWARD C. CROSBY
S. E. LAWTON

E. L. TRACY
JEAN J. VANDERVEER
CHAS. S. CHASE
GEO. H. CLAPP
WILFRED F. ROOT
E. E. PERRY
S. W. EDWARDS
F. L. BURNETT
E. L. THAYER
L. E. HOLDEN
E. J. WATERMAN
H. L. WATERMAN

CHAS. R. ALDRICH
WM. R. DALEY
J. G. STAFFORD
H. P. GREENE
H. W. SARGENT
WINFRED H. LANE
F. E. PERRY
W. H. BOND
BOND & SON
GLENHAM JONES
GEO. S. PRATT
FRANK A. DINES